SUMMER 1982

Columbia Seminary Vantage

COMMENCEMENT HONORS SEVENTY-ONE

Commencement in a theological seminary is viewed by those participating with a sense of anticipation, joy and anxiety. For each of the 52 candidates completing their First Professional Degree, it marked the conclusion of 3 to 4 years of disciplined study in preparation for a life of effective ministry.

For each of the remaining members of the Class of '82 who completed advanced or specialized degrees, it marked the culmination of study and work to update and strengthen their skills and competencies in ministry.

The joy of commencement was very much in evidence when the graduates gathered at the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta on Sunday morning, May 30, for their Baccalaureate Service. Dr. Paul Eckel, Pastor of First Church, preached an inspiring sermon entitled "Filled with the Spirit."

The degree candidates, with their families and friends, overflowed the Columbia Presbyterian Church at the afternoon Commencement Exercises. Dr. J. Phillips Noble, Chairman of the Board of Directors, awarded seventy-one degrees to graduates from 15 states and 2 countries outside of the U.S.

The Commencement Address was delivered by Mr. H. G. "Pat" Pattillo, Ruling Elder in the Decatur Presbyterian Church, on the subject "Ethics in Business." Dean Oscar Hussel made a presentation of awards and prizes, while President J. Davison Philips gave a charge to the members of the graduating class by using appropriate passages of Scripture and pronouncing the Benediction.

Faculty and students celebrate graduation following the Commencement Exercises (L to R) Professor Catherine Gonzalez, Grady Perryman, Professor Tom Long, John Hunter

NEW ASSOCIATE IN SEMINARY RELATIONS

Emmie Caldwell Young became the Associate Director of Seminary Relations and Ministerial Advisor to Women Students at Columbia effective July 1, 1982.

She is a native of Nashville, Tennessee, and has a BA Degree in History from Vanderbilt University in Nashville. She received her M.Div. Degree from Columbia Seminary in 1980 and served as the Associate Minister of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in suburban Atlanta for eighteen months following graduation.

Emmie will work closely with Dr. Richard A. Dodds, Director of Seminary Relations and Development, in making the Seminary more visible to our constitutency. She will assume major responsibility for news releases, publications and campus events, which include the Columbia Forum and special convocations. Seminary Day, Seminary Teams and work with Audio/Visuals are also in the area of her expertise.

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CAMPAIGN GOALS WITHIN REACH

SYNOD OF THE SOUTHEAST

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of scores of ministers and laypersons throughout the Synod of the Southeast, an amount of $4,200,000 has been received in gifts and pledges in the COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN. These commitments on the part of 395 of the 575 churches in the Synod bring the goal of $4,500,000 within reach.

With 85% of the goal already in hand and 69% of the churches in the Synod participating, Campaign Leaders are busily engaged in a follow-up process that will hopefully bring the Campaign to a successful conclusion in the near future.

The remaining 180 churches in the Synod that have not made a commitment to the Campaign hold the key to success.

An added incentive to reach the proposed goal has been given with the offer of a Challenge Grant of $500,000 by an anonymous foundation. The grant is offered to establish Honor Scholarships for outstanding students preparing for ministry. The grant will be paid and the Honor Scholarships established when $4,000,000 has been contributed through the Campaign.

In announcing the gift, President J. Davison Philips said, "This Challenge Grant is a great investment in the future leaders of the Church and Community. It is an expression of confidence in the work of Columbia Theological Seminary and we are deeply grateful for it."

SYNOD OF FLORIDA

A Declaration of Commitment in the amount of $100,000 has been received by the Margin of Excellence Campaign Office from the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando. This commitment raises the amount of gifts and pledges in the Synod of Florida to $1,400,000 on a goal of $1,500,000. Several key churches in the Synod which deferred participating in the Campaign are in the process of reconsidering their commitment to Columbia Seminary. It is hoped that the goal set by the Synod of Florida will be met before the end of 1982.

SYNOD OF THE MID-SOUTH

With $578,725 already received in gifts and an additional $162,043 in pledges, Columbia Seminary has exceeded its goal of $700,000 in Synod's Campaign for Theological Education.

CONVOCATION

The Honorable William Winter, Governor of the State of Mississippi and member of the CTS Board of Directors, addresses the Seminary Community on "The Impact of Presbyterianism on Early America"

1983 COLUMBIA FORUM

February 1-4

SMYTH LECTURER
Dr. Jose Miguez Bonino
Buenos Aires, Argentina

ALUMNI/AE LECTURER
Dr. Stuart McWilliam
Stirling, Scotland

GUEST PREACHER
The Rev. Cynthia Ann Jarvis
Princeton, New Jersey

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FROM the PRESIDENT

In Mid-Summer, we "begin again" at Columbia. Students enrolled in the 8-week Beginners Greek course taught by Professor Charles B. Cousar arrive. Many begin their preparations for ministry in that way! It is another of those testing, demanding experiences of hard work involved in a Seminary Education.

Other students engaged in graduate degree work take intensive Summer courses under the direction of Director of Advanced Studies, Douglas W. Hix.

Still others take non-credit courses for personal enrichment. 50 Women Bible leaders are enrolled in the course on Colossians, "Christ, the Peacemaker," taught by the study book author, Dr. Albert C. Winn.

Administrators and Faculty are busy developing final plans for Fall when all our students return. Dr. Harry Barrow is processing the last applications. Rev. Peter C. Carruthers is visiting interns placed in churches throughout the South as a part of their supervision and evaluation.

Dr. Richard A. Dodds and the Development Office are in the final stages of our Synod Campaigns with $300,000 needed to meet the Synod of the Southeast goal. We welcome Rev. Emmie C. Young as Associate Director of Seminary Relations.

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Moore and their Staff are preparing buildings, completing the reports on fiscal year 1981-82, and getting new students settled in apartments and dormitories.

Our Mid-East Seminar delegation returned safely from Israel and Jordan. Thank God! The students in Jamaica doing supervised ministry are learning more of the meaning of ministry.

You are vital partners in all these Summer happenings. Your prayerfull support means everything.

Faithfully yours,

J. Davison Philips

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President

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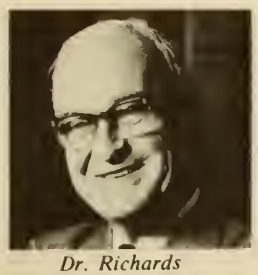

Dr. Richards

Dr. Gutzke

Dr. McDill

Columbia Theological Seminary has been blessed during the 154 years of its existence with a dedicated administration and faculty. Columbia has eleven Professors Emeriti and each one is held in high esteem by graduates and friends of the Seminary.

President Emeritus J. McDowell Richards has had a siege of illness caused by a blood clot in the area of his speech center and has been hospitalized several times during the Spring and Summer of this year. Although he is having a good recovery, his doctors tell him that his busy schedule of activities will have to be reduced. During the past year Dr. Richards has taken an active part in the Commitment to Excellence Campaign and served on the Joint Committee on Presbyterian Union.

Professor Emeritus Dr. Manford George Gutzke, who recently celebrated his 85th birthday, was selected as the recipient of the National Religious Broadcasters Milestone Award and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters by King College during their Commencement Exercises. Dr. Gutzke delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon on the subject, "Prove All Things."

The American Association of Pastoral Counselors presented the Distinguished Contribution Award to *Professor Emeritus Dr. Thomas H. McDill* during their Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, in April. The citation stated, "In recognition of his courage, wisdom and guidance through which has come unique contributions to the development and advancement of pastoral counseling."

CFC EXCEEDS GOAL

The new Columbia Friendship Circle Promotion Secretary Ruth Tidd, recently compiled the CFC giving for the 1981-82 year. The Goal was $30,000. The CFC giving through June 30th, was $30,004.33! Betsy Hammet, the current CFC President, from Columbia, stated:

> "This month finds us in a time of happy Thanksgiving for all those who support the CFC! By looking at our total, we can really see the difference that a $5.00 gift can make. One person's gift helped us achieve our Goal!"

The new 1982-83 CFC Project is Columbia Scholarships and New Books for the Library. Five new Columbia Scholars have now been selected for the 1982-83 academic year: Janet Dietrich, from the Hillside Church, Decatur, GA; Butch Miranda, from First Church, Tuscaloosa, AL; Jim Moran, from the Henry Memorial Church, Dublin, GA; Steve Negley, from the Forest Hills Church, Tampa, FL and Sharon Youngs, from the Commerce Church, Commerce, GA. They are an outstanding group of men and women, with many diverse gifts for ministry.

CAMPUS SCENES

The Inauguration of Dr. Thomas Grier Long as Professor of Worship and Preaching

Kay Philips visits with CFC President Betsy Hammet on "Come See Columbia Day"

Professor and Mrs. Wade Huie express appreciation to Moderator Dorothy Barnard following the Moderator's Convocation in the Seminary Chapel

Outgoing Alumni/ae President James Speed counsels the incoming officers—Tom Walker, Sec'y; John Kirstein, Pres.; and Millen Darnell, V. Pres.

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Frank J. Allen, Jr.

David John Bailey

Dean W. Chapman

Donald F

Master of Theological Studies Degree

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Hal Woodard Hathcock

Janice Parr Wiesner

Melvin Alden Bridge

Robert Brock Burnett

David M. Cameron

James B. Carter, Jr.

William Donald Coker

Frank

James Bernard Hatch, III

Margaret Ann Hegeman

Jesse William Hegler

Norman William Hibbard

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Mark Andrew Jumper

Randal Vance Kirby

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John Trimble Mabray

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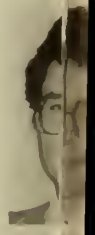
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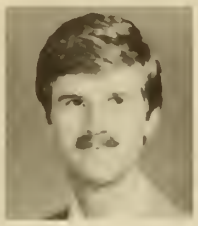
Julian Decherd Guess

Lawrence Lester Schenk

Master of Theology Degree

Andrew Ganes Davis

Clayton Keller Little, Jr.

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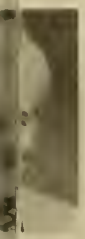
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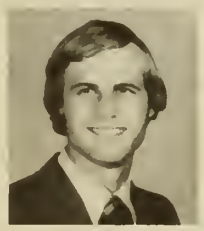
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Thomas Alan Johnson

Howard Kee Johnston

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Howard Max Mitchell

Karen Adele Johnson Nier

Grady J. Perryman

Gwin Eugene Pratt, Jr.

Steven Howard Rhodes

Michael F. Trautman

Alan Keith Wildsmith

Lennon Craig Wilkes

Elizabeth Anne Wilson

Michael G. Wingard

Joan Starnes Yates

1982 GRADUATE DEGREES

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY — (In-Ministry)

Alden Glenn Bass
Winter Park, Florida
Georges Paul Carillet
Snellville, Georgia
William Edward Hammond
Atlanta, Georgia
Franklin Hugh Kirby
West Lafayette, Indiana
Yll Bong Lee
Atlanta, Georgia
Daniel M. Munn
Augusta, Georgia
Harry Herman Phillips
Atlanta, Georgia
George K. Preston, III
Rutherfordton, North Carolina
Malcome Donald Sides
Jonesville, North Carolina
Ronald Reece Smith
Bethune, South Carolina

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

Virginia Felder Conway
Decatur, Georgia
Andrew Ganes Davis
Opelika, Alabama
Clayton Keller Little, Jr.
Warner Robins, Georgia
Martin Meyer Platzer
Atlanta, Georgia
Sevastianos Skordallos
Birmingham, Alabama
John H. Strassburger
Decatur, Georgia

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

James Kim Crutchfield
Decatur, Georgia
Hal Woodard Hathcock
Atlanta, Georgia
Janice Parr Wiesner
Roswell, Georgia

GRADUATE PLACEMENTS 1982

Frank J. Allen, Jr., Pastor, Strawberry Plains PC, Strawberry Plains, TN
David J. Bailey, Pastor, West Avenue PC, Gastonia, NC
Melvin A. Bridge, Asso. Pastor, Raleigh PC, Memphis, TN
R. Brock Burnett, Asso. Pastor, Lakemont PC, Augusta, GA
David M. Cameron, Pastor, Bayless Memorial PC, Concord, NC
James B. Carter, Jr., Pastor, First PC, Cohutta, GA
Dean W. Chapman, Pastor, Greenfield PC, Greenfield, IN
Wm. D. "Biff" Coker, Asso. Pastor, Covenant PC, Albany, GA
F. Barry Davies, Clinical Pastoral Education
Marlin H. Day, Christian Church, Atlanta, GA
Donald R. Frampton, Asso. Pastor, First (Scots) PC, Charleston, SC
Robert D. Gamble, Pastor, Collierville PC, Collierville, TN
Bruce W. Gourlay, Congregation in the PC in Canada
J. Decherd Guess, Pastor, Leland PC, Leland, MS
Thomas W. Hagood, Jr., In Conversation
Garland S. Hart, In Conversation
Laurey L. Hartwell, Asso. Pastor, Northminster PC, Macon, GA
James B. Hatch, III, Pastor, Springhill PC, Springhill, LA
Margaret Ann Hegeman, In Conversation
Jesse W. Hegler, Pastor, Church in the Pines PC, Laurel Hill, NC
Norman W. Hibbard, Pastor, First PC, Reform, AL
James E. Hollis, Pastor, First PC, Etowah, TN
E. Sloan Humphreys, III, Graduate Study, Washington U, St. Louis, MO
John A. Hunter, In Conversation
Michael W. Jackson, Asso. Pastor, Dardenne PC, O'Fallon, MO
Thomas A. Johnson, Baptist Church, Lawrenceville, GA
H. K. Johnston, Pastor, Pelham PC, Pelham, GA
Russell C. Jonas, III, In Conversation
Mark A. Jumper, Pastor, Diamondhead Community PC, Bay St. Louis, MS
Randall V. Kirby, Pastor, Fairfield-Highland PC, Birmingham, AL
John L. Losee, Pastor, Northside PC, Cleveland, TN
John T. Mabray, Graduate Study, Candler Sch. of Theology, Atlanta, GA
Rebekah Alexander-Maul, Asso. Pastor, Trinity PC, Pensacola, FL
Bryan H. Mickle, Pastor, First PC, Havana, FL
H. Max Mitchell, In Conversation
Karen A. J. Nier, Asso. Pastor, First PC, Greer, SC
Grady J. Perryman, Asso. Pastor, Miami Shores PC, Miami Shores, FL
Gwin E. Pratt, Jr., Asso. Pastor, First PC, Sumter, SC
Steven H. Rhodes, Pastor, First PC, Eastman, GA
James O'N. Richardson, Pastor, First PC, Gurdon, AR
John A. Rogers, Pastor, First PC, Miramar, FL
Lawrence L. Schenk, In Conversation
Robert D. Smith, In Conversation
Carlos J. Soto, Clinical Pastoral Education
William F. Stephens, III, Pastor, First PC, Cairo, GA
Ronald E. Stone, Pastor, Montgomery PC, Savannah, GA
Michael F. Trautman, In Conversation
Alan K. Wildsmith, In Conversation
L. Craig Wilkes, Pastor, Cuthbert PC, Cuthbert, GA
Eliz. Anne Wilson, Clinical Pastoral Education
Michael G. Wingard, Pastor, First PC, Highlands, NC
Joan Starnes Yates, In Conversation

PRIZES AND AWARDS

COLUMBIA FELLOWSHIPS
Ewing Sloan Humphreys, III
Randal Vance Kirby
Michael F. Trautman

FANNIE JORDAN BRYAN FELLOWSHIP
John Trimble Mabray

ANNA CHURCH WHITNER FELLOWSHIP
David M. Cameron

WILDS BOOK PRIZE
John A. Hunter

LYMAN & MYKI MOBLEY PRIZE
David John Bailey
Donald Roy Frampton

SAMUEL A. CARTLEDGE AWARD
John A. Hunter

FLORRIE WILKES SANDERS PRIZE
John A. Hunter

PRESBYTERY OF ST. ANDREW WOC PREACHING AWARD
John A. Hunter

COMMENCEMENT 1982

Chairman of the Board, J. Phillips Noble (Right) congratulates Commencement Speaker H. G. "Pat" Pattillo for his fine address

Family and friends of graduates gather following Commencement Exercises to extend congratulations and best wishes

Master of Divinity recipient Rebekah Alexander-Maul receives the support and encouragement of her family on Graduation Day

Awarded their degrees "with distinction" were graduates (Front, L to R) John Mabray, John Hunter, Jesse Hegler, (Back) Mike Trautman, David Cameron and Grady Perryman

MOTHER/DAUGHTER SERVE

During the past year, a mother and daughter have served together on Columbia's Board of Directors. Deedie Simmons completed her term of office from the Synod of Florida during 1982 while her daughter, Ginny Simmons Ellis, began her first term. Both served with great insight and enthusiasm.

Deedie Simmons is no newcomer to the leadership of the PCUS. She served the Arlington Church in Jacksonville as Elder and Clerk of Session, and has been on the Board of Mission Haven. She served as Moderator of the Synod of Florida, 1980-81.

Ginny graduated from CTS with distinction in the M.Div. program in 1978. She was ordained by Westminster Presbytery in 1980 and has since served three churches as Interim Pastor. She was elected to the Board of Columbia by the Synod of Florida in 1981.

It is hard to let go of a person who brings so much knowledge and wisdom into our midst, but terms do expire and Deedie needs to go on to other ministries. With husband, G. Ballard Simmons, Jr., himself a ruling Elder, and five grandchildren (two of whom are Ginny's!) as well as Synod and General Assembly activities, Deedie will surely have plenty to keep herself busy.

It is with sincere gratitude that Columbia thanks Deedie Simmons for her five years of service to us. And it is with equally sincere excitement and joy that we welcome her daughter Ginny, into our midst.

EMMIE YOUNG *(Continued)*

Emmie brings to her position a love for the Church, and an enthusiasm for the work of the Seminary. Her husband, Malcolm "Mac" D. Young, Jr., is an Atlanta attorney and they have two children—a daughter, Braden, and a son, Mac.

A cordial welcome is extended to Emmie by the Seminary Community.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

In addition to electing Emmie Young as Associate Director of Seminary Relations, the Board of Directors has made the following appointments:

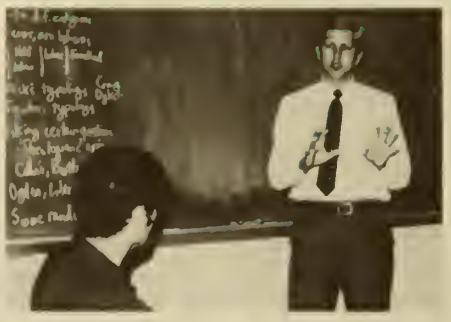
Ms. Christine Wenderoth to a new two-year term as Readers' Services Librarian.

The Rev. Peter C. Carruthers to Assistant Professor of Supervised Ministry in addition to his work as Director of Supervised Ministry.

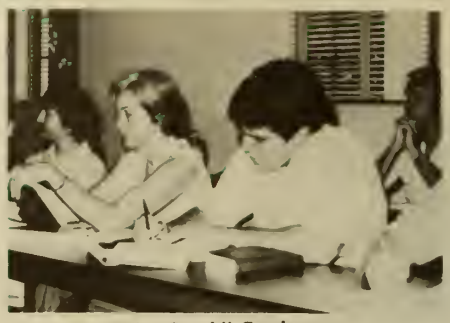
Mrs. Sadera Moore to a three-year term as Director of Food Services, to take the place of Mrs. Marie Alexander who retired in May, 1982. (A special article on Mrs. Moore will appear in the next issue of VANTAGE.)

IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME!

Continuing Ed Faculty



Bill Carl on Preaching



"Baby Greek" Students

While people have been taking in the World's Fair, paddling canoes, teeing off on the golf course or visiting Aunt Sarah . . . Columbia Seminary's campus has been humming. Over 300 persons have been enrolled in Summer Session Workshops dealing with such subjects as Aging, Evangelism and Stewardship.

Three Seminars on Preaching led by Dr. James Newsome and Guest Professors Bill Carl and Walter Brueggemann were especially popular. Dr. Al Winn's course for WOC Bible Moderators attracted over 80 students during the two one-week sessions. CTS Professor Robert Ramey conducted a seminar for newly ordained ministers and taught a course called "Activating a Local Congregation."

Columbia was the place to be this Summer! There were more students on campus involved in Summer Session Events than during the Academic Year. Ministers and lay persons filled the halls, classrooms, chapel and dining hall pursuing continuing education courses and graduate programs.

About 60 D.Min. and Th.M. degree candidates took courses for credit during July and August while Professor Charles Cousar taught incoming students the elementary lessons of "Baby Greek." Dr. Kong Han of the G.A.M.B. Office of Evangelism joined CTS Professor Ben Johnson in a workshop entitled "Effective Presbytery Evangelism." Other faculty members included Ben Kline, Zane Alexander and Richard Dodds.

CTS Professor Theron Nease served as the Co-Director of a workshop entitled "Leadership Development in Aging and the Church." Clergy and laypersons from Presbyteries in the Synod of the Southeast gathered to address the often neglected matter of the Church and the elderly. Supported by a gift of the Alumni/ae, the week-long workshop was led by Dr. Tom Robb of the Presbyterian Office on Aging, Dr. David Moberg of Marquette University, and Dr. Reuel Howe, founder of the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies.

In looking to the future, Director of Advanced Studies Dr. Douglas Hix states, "If you didn't make it this summer, be sure that next year yours is among the 250 swelling voices in the chapel and the discriminating palates at the homemade ice cream parties. You can even experience the bittersweet nostalgia of watching live Greek students agonize over Machen! Most of the plans are in place for 1983 already. Look for the brochure and block out the dates of July 11-22, 1983."

Columbia Seminary's

CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM

August 30-31, 1982

Speakers

Dr. John Lancaster
Dr. Ray Bakke
Dr. Russell Hale

Dr. Ben C. Johnson, Director

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